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In re application of:

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POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 05122004), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for one months with necessary fees. Attached herewith are articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin, (v) a Declaration by Paul Polakis, Ph.D., (vi) a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D, (vii) a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D., and (viii) pages 138-163 of PCT publication, WO 01/53486, corresponding to International Application, PCT/US00/03565, in support of Applicants' priority claim.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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